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## Thailand

### Grain and Feed

### Weekly Rice Price Update

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**Report Highlights:**

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**Indicative Prices (Week Ending Jul. 21):**

Thailand: Export (FOB) Prices for various grades of rice (USD/M.T.)									
	Exporter Observations							Period Avg.	
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	CUR.	PRV.
F WR 100 B	890	-	-	-	900	850	-	880	893
WR 100 B	760	-	770	760	760	760	780	765	746
PB 5%	-	-	790	-	760	820	780	788	784
WR 5%	750	-	750	750	750	740	750	748	715
WR 10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WR 15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WR 25%	-	-	-	-	-	700	-	700	-
WR 35%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A 1 SUP	540	-	-	-	550	550	550	548	543
A 1 SPEC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Source: Average actual prices received from exporters, Exchange rate: 33.0 baht/U.S.\$									

**Market Tone**

Export and domestic prices of white rice increased by around 3-7 percent as the government intervention program is fully implemented. Farmgate prices of white rice paddy rose to 12,000 – 13,000 baht/ton (\$360-390/MT), as compared to 10,000 – 11,000 baht/ton (\$300 – 330/MT) in the previous week. Supplies of newly-harvested second crops are currently limited in the market as most of the paddy is sold to the government intervention program due to attractive intervention prices at 14,000 baht/ton (\$423/MT). So far, the program bought 620,000 tons of paddy, up significantly from half a million tons in the previous week. It is expected that up to 2.0 million tons of paddy will eventually be pledged under the program if the price difference between market prices and intervention prices remains at current levels of 1,000 baht/ton (\$30/MT). In addition, the Vietnamese government has revised up floor prices of 5% grade white rice exports to \$750/MT, FOB, last week, as compared to \$720/MT set earlier. Meanwhile, Thai parboiled rice exports to Nigeria will remain strong at least until October when the Indian export ban on non-basmati rice will likely be removed. As a result, export prices of white rice will likely continue an upward pressure in the next couple of months.

The following are the reported rice exports (as is basis):

WEEK ENDING	QUANTITY	4-WK AVG	YEAR TO DATE	YEAR AGO	YEAR TO DATE AS % OF LAST YEAR
	(MT)	(MT)	(TMT)	(TMT)	%
MAY 25	174,175	158,611	3,549	2,026	75.2
JUN 1	209,946	177,232	3,759	2,134	76.1
JUN 8	192,204	190,977	3,952	2,248	75.8
JUN 15	180,467	189,198	4,132	2,385	73.3
JUN 22	159,051	132,930	4,291	2,494	72.0
JUN 29	212,103	190,391	4,503	2,579	74.5
JUL 6	168,072	179,923	4,671	2,679	74.3
JUL 13	171,699	177,731	4,843	2,784	73.9
JUL 20	178,180	182,513	5,021	2,877	74.5

*Note on data: Export figures since March 22, 2002, do not include fragrant rice. The authority to report fragrant rice exports was moved from the Thai Board of Trade to the Ministry of Commerce's Office of Commodity Standards, which does not release official fragrant rice export data. FAS/BKK will report only official export numbers from the Board of Trade for non-fragrant and from the Office of Commodity Standards for fragrant rice when available, but the reader should bear in mind the difference between the data.*

Unofficial exports (excluding fragrant rice) for Jul 14-20, 2008 totaled 178,180 tons, up 6,481 tons from the previous week, and down 4,334 tons from the four-week moving average of 182,513 tons. Exports during Jan. 1 – Jul 20, 2008 totaled 5,021,143 tons, as compared with 2,877,057 tons in the previous year.

According to the Department of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce, total rice exports (including fragrant rice) during Jan. 1 – July 11, 2008, amounted to 6,287,705 tons, up 46.47 percent from 4,292,689 tons in the previous year.

### Weekly Rice Sales

Private registered rice export sales for the period of Jun 30-Jul 4, Jul 7-11, and Jul 14-18, 2008 are as follows:

Movement (MT)	Jun 30-Jul 4	Jul 7-11	Jul. 14-18
Weekly sales	104,963	147,275	136,346
4 week sum	657,615	628,365	584,568
4 week mov. avg.	164,404	157,091	146,142
Total weekly sales	4,860,194	5,007,469	5,143,815

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